

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

September 1, 2015

In May 2015, I introduced two motions which the Board approved, for the Directors of the Internal Services Department (ISD) and the Department of Public Works (DPW) to report back on County water usage and related actions, including a preliminary review of County Codes and policies to help remove barriers to compliance with drought-related requirements. In the Departments' report dated August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, it is noted that the County has not decreased its water consumption from Fiscal Year 2013-2014 to Fiscal Year 2014-2015, and it is unclear why this is the case.

Furthermore, in a recent news article, it is noted that the frequency with which "executive" cars have been washed by County staff has increased since my motions were adopted. This runs totally counter to the County's stated efforts to conserve water, and it sets a very poor example to those looking for County leadership in water conservation during this historic drought.

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In response to the news article, the Director of ISD sent a memo to the Board and all departmental Directors that they will immediately restrict washes of County vehicles to a maximum of once per week. While I appreciate the Department's attempt to rectify this situation, it does not go nearly far enough, and it would be appropriate to agendaize their August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 report for discussion.

**I, THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors approve the following:

1. Instruct the Interim CEO and the Director of ISD, in conjunction with the Directors of other County departments that maintain their own fleet, to develop a policy to limit car washing activity to at most once a month, with a report back in 30 days, including an assessment of the feasibility of using recycled water for the car washing facilities at the Hall of Administration.
2. Instruct the Interim CEO and the Directors of ISD, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and Regional Planning, to present the August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 report's findings and recommendations for discussion at the September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board meeting.

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